



MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, STATE OF CALIFORNIA

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At its meeting held October 2, 2007, the Board took the following action:

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The following statement was entered into the record for Supervisor Knabe:

"In July of 2006, this Board approved my motion seeking to end the Sheriff's early release program for inmates, by increasing the use of electronic monitoring through a change in state law to move from an inmate voluntary electronic monitoring program to a mandatory electronic monitoring program at the discretion of the court and Sheriff. My motion, approved by this Board last July, asked the Governor and state legislators to revise state law to ensure that the decision about whether to serve on electronic monitoring or a 10% time jail term is left to law enforcement and not in the hands of lawbreakers.

"I am happy to report that this past Wednesday the Governor signed urgency bill SB 959 (Romero) into law. This new state legislation will mean that all county inmates will move towards serving 100% of their court imposed sentence, as opposed to 50% or less of their time, in either an available jail bed or on electronic monitoring fully monitored by the Sheriff and Probation Departments.

"While this Board has done much recently to fund additional jail beds, we ultimately need to fund even more beds in our system until there is a bed for everyone. Until that happens, this Bill will help ensure more beds become available for violent offenders and that non violent offenders that qualify for electronic monitoring serve 100% of their sentence as imposed by the people.

"I therefore recommend that the Board schedule a Set Item at 10:00 a.m. on October 2, 2007 to discuss the beneficial impacts of the recently signed urgency legislation, SB 959 (Romero), will have on the jail system. This legislation means that all County inmates will move towards serving 100% of their court imposed sentence, as opposed to 50% or less of their time, in either an available jail bed or on electronic monitoring by the Sheriff and Probation Departments.

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“I further recommend that the Sheriff be requested to testify before the Board as part of the Set Item to detail the impacts that SB 959 will have on the jail system.”

Sheriff Leroy D. Baca addressed the Board. Raymond G. Fortner, Jr., County Counsel, also responded to questions posed by the Board.

After discussion, and on motion of Supervisor Knabe, seconded by Supervisor Yaroslavsky, unanimously carried (Supervisor Molina being absent), the Board took the following actions:

1. Instructed the Chief Executive Officer and County Counsel to prepare a Board Letter, if necessary, to implement the provisions of SB 959; and
2. Requested the Sheriff to report back to the Board on a quarterly basis on the positive impact of electronic monitoring as set forth in SB 959.

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